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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OTRA, PK

SUBJ: PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO US BY KHAN OF KALAT

1. THE ELDERLY KHAN OF KALAT, WHO CURRENTLY ASPIRES TO THE GOVERNORSHIP OF BALUCHISTAN PLANS TO VISIT THE US FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER, OSTENSIBLY FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. WHILE THE KHAN DOES SEEM GENUINELY INTERESTED IN HIS PHYSICAL HEALTH, WE BELIEVE HIS POLITICAL WELL BEING IS AMONG THE MOTIVATING FACTORS IN HIS ABSENTING HIMSELF FROM PAKISTAN AT THIS TIME. AS A CONTENDER FOR INFLUENCE IN BALUCHISTAN, HE FACES THE AWKWARD CHOICE OF LOSING PRIMIN BHUTTO'S GOOD WILL IF HE CRITICIZES CENTRAL GOVERNMENT POLICY IN THAT PROVINCE; SILENCE LOSES HIM CREDENTIALS WITH HIS BALUCH COLLEAGUES WITH WHOM HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTEND IF, AS HE HOPES, BHUTTO FALLS BACK ON HIM AS A LAST DITCH MEASURE FOR RESOLVING THE BALUCHISTAN EMBROGLIO (AS AN ELDER STATESMAN OF SORT WHO HAS SO FAR MANAGED TO REMAIN ALOOF FROM THE CURRENT QUARREL, HE IN FACT HAS SOME POTENTIAL AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR BRINGING TOGETHER DISPARATE BALUCH ELEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CENTER).

2. THE KHAN HAS ASKED EMBOFF WITH WHOM HE IS RECENT

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CONTACT FOR SOME SORT OF INFORMAL ACCREDITATION IN HOPES

OF PRESENTING HIS VIEWS ON BALUCHISTAN TO US OFFICIALS
AND EMBASSY HAS GIVEN HIM INNOCUOUS INTRODUCTORY NOTE
TO COUNTRY DIRECTOR CONSTABLE, NEA/PAB. IT IS NOT CLEAR
JUST WHEN KHAN WOULD DESCEND ON WASHINGTON BUT HE
IMPLIED HE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR SULTAN KHAN
IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DESIRE TO DELIVER GIFTS OF BALUCHI
HANDICRAFTS TO PRESIDENT NIXON.

3. KHAN HAS ASKED IF WE CAN RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE
CLINICAL FACILITY IN GENERAL NEW YORK AREA WHERE HE CAN
CHECK IN FOR TWO OR THREE WEEK OVERHAUL, INCLUDING THOROUGH
EXAMINATION AND SPECIAL DIET AND PHYSICAL REGIMEN (HE IS
VASTLY OVERWEIGHT BUT APPEARS OTHERWISE REASONABLY FIT
FOR HIS AGE). IF DEPT CAN PROVIDE THIS INFO PLEASE
CABLE IT TO AMCON KARACHI WHERE KHAN WILL APPLY FOR HIS
VISA AND WHERE HE EXPECTS TO BE IN TOUCH WITH CONGEN POL
OFFICER VAN ORDER.
SANDERHOFF

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